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 For: METHOD OF PRESSING A )  
 CERAMIC STACKED LAYER )  
 STRUCTURE (as amended) )  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**Box Patent Application**  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to taking up the present application for action on the merits, please amend the  
above-noted application as follows:

**IN THE TITLE:**

*Kindly amend the Title to read: -- METHOD OF PRESSING A CERAMIC  
STACKED LAYER STRUCTURE --.*

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

*Kindly replace the paragraph appearing at page 4, lines 20-30, with the following:*

The pressing device also includes a die base 4 onto which the die body 3 is placed. Contact members 5 can be moved to contact outer peripheral surfaces of the side wall portions 2 of the die body 3, and thereby position and hold the die body 3 at a predetermined location. Thrust mechanisms 6 each having a thrust member 6a (e.g., comprising a rod or like structure) are provided to actuate and press the contact members 5 against the outer peripheral surfaces of the side wall portions 2, towards inner peripheral surfaces of the side wall portions 2. The thrust mechanisms 6 can be, for example, piston and cylinder type mechanisms. Those skilled in the art will recognize that the thrust mechanisms 6 can be implemented in different ways. For example, the thrust mechanisms 6 can have a cotter type mechanism for applying force to the contact members 5.

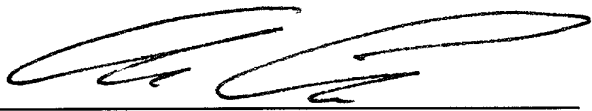
**REMARKS**

Favorable reconsideration, reexamination, and allowance of the present patent application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Amended Specification paragraph

**The paragraph appearing at page 4, lines 20-30:**

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